

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1       (Previously presented) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices includes:

a means for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a means for storing constant data on said service equipment

and said one or more other combined equipment,

a means for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, and said constant data which has been stored, and

a means for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information selected by said means for carrying out the selection operation onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection information are transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section only when said display permission is obtained from said host computer; and

wherein said host computer includes a means for storing said user information and said selection information obtained from said user terminal device, and a means for transmitting said display permission to said user terminal device when said user information and said selection information are entered from said user terminal device.

2. (Previously presented) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for

communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices includes:

a means for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a means for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a means for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host computer via said communication network,

a means for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data stored in said constant data memory means and said variable data which has been stored, and

a means for requesting a display permission from said host

computer for displaying said selection information selected by said means for carrying out the selection operation onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection information are transmitted to said host computer; confirming whether or not said variable data are updated when said display permission is obtained from said host computer; and displaying said selection information onto said display section if said variable data are not updated, or displaying said selection information onto said display section after causing said combined equipment selection means to carry out again said selection operation if said variable data are updated, and

wherein said host computer includes a means for storing said user information and said selection information obtained from said user terminal device, and a means for transmitting updated said variable data and said display permission to said user terminal device when said user information and said selection information are entered from said user terminal device.

3. (Currently amended) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user

from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices includes:

a means for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a means for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a means for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host computer via said communication network,

a means for receiving said variable data from said host computer on condition that said user information is transmitted to said host computer, and updating said variable data which has been stored,

a means for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data stored in said constant data memory means and said variable data which has been stored, and

a means for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information selected by said

means for carrying out the selection operation onto said display section on condition that said selection information is transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section when said display permission is obtained from said host computer, and

wherein said host computer includes:

a means for storing said user information obtained from said user terminal device and said selection information, and

a means for transmitting updated said variable data to said user terminal device when only said user information is entered from said user terminal device, or transmitting said display permission to said user terminal device when said selection information is entered from said user terminal device.

4. (Previously presented) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable

for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices is so constructed as to perform:

- a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

- a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

- a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section and said constant data, and

- a function for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection information are transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section only when said display permission is obtained from said host computer, and

wherein said host computer is so constructed as to perform:

- a function for storing said user information and said selection information obtained from said user terminal device, and

- a function for transmitting said display permission to said user

terminal device when said user information and said selection information are entered from said user terminal device.

5. (Currently amended) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices is so constructed as to perform:

a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a function for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host



computer via said communication network,

a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data and said variable data, and

a function for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection information are transmitted to said host computer; confirming whether or not said variable data are updated when said display permission is obtained from said host computer; and displaying said selection information onto said display section if said variable data are not updated, or displaying said selection information onto said display section after carrying out again said selection operation if said variable data are updated, and

wherein said host computer is so constructed as to perform:

a memory function for storing said user information and said selection information obtained from said user terminal device, and

a function for transmitting updated said variable data and said display permission to said user terminal device when said user information and said selection information are entered from said user terminal device.

6. (Previously presented) A combined equipment selection system comprising:

a plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network and

a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices,

said combined equipment selection system receiving service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selecting one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displaying selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

wherein each of said plurality of user terminal devices is so constructed as to perform:

a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a function for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host computer via said communication network,

a function for receiving said variable data from said host computer on condition that said user information is transmitted to said

host computer, and updating said variable data,

a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data and said variable data, and

a function for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said selection information is transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section when said display permission is obtained from said host computer, and

wherein said host computer is so constructed as to perform:

a function for storing said user information and said selection information obtained from said user terminal device, and

a function for transmitting updated said variable data to said user terminal device when only said user information is entered from said user terminal device, or transmitting said display permission to said user terminal device when said selection information is entered from said user terminal device.

7. (Previously presented) A program for a combined equipment selection system stored in a computer readable medium, being executed on a plurality of user terminal devices in said combined equipment selection system which comprises said

plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network, and a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices, wherein said combined equipment selection system receives service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selects one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displays selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

said program being so constructed as to perform:

a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section and said constant data, and

a function for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection

information are transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section only when said display permission is obtained from said host computer.

8. (Previously presented) A program for a combined equipment selection system stored in a computer readable medium, being executed on a plurality of user terminal devices in said combined equipment selection system which comprises said plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network, and a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices, wherein said combined equipment selection system receives service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selects one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displays selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

said program being so constructed as to perform:

a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

a function for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host

computer via said communication network,

a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data, and said variable data, and

a selection information display control function for requesting a display permission from said host computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said user information and said selection information are transmitted to said host computer; confirming whether or not said variable data are updated when said display permission is obtained from said host computer; and displaying said selection information onto said display section if said variable data are not updated, or displaying said selection information onto said display section after carrying out again said selection operation if said variable data are updated.

9. (Previously presented) A program for a combined equipment selection system stored in a computer readable medium, being executed on a plurality of user terminal devices in said combined equipment selection system which comprises said plurality of user terminal devices each having an operation section and a display section and connected to a communication network, and a host computer connected to said communication network for communicating with said plurality of user terminal devices and obtaining user information from said user terminal devices, wherein said

combined equipment selection system receives service equipment information on a service equipment which a user wishes to use, entered by said user from said operation section of said user terminal device, selects one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment based on said service equipment information, and displays selection information on said combined equipment onto said display section of said user terminal device,

said program being so constructed as to perform:

- a function for storing said user information entered from said operation section,

- a function for storing constant data on said service equipment and said one or more other combined equipment,

- a function for storing variable data out of data necessary for selecting said combined equipment, transmitted from said host computer via said communication network,

- a function for receiving said variable data from said host computer on condition that said user information is transmitted to said host computer, and updating said variable data,

- a function for carrying out a selection operation which selects as said selection information one or more other combined equipment which is different from said service equipment and is suitable for being combined with said service equipment, based on model information and operational conditions of said service equipment entered from said operation section, said constant data, and said variable data, and

- a function for requesting a display permission from said host

computer for displaying said selection information onto said display section on condition that said selection information is transmitted to said host computer, and displaying said selection information onto said display section when said display permission is obtained from said host computer.